

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Other features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent in the following detailed description of the preferred embodiment with reference to the accompanying drawings, of which:

Figure 1 is an exploded perspective view of a preferred embodiment of the barbecue device of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a front-side view of the preferred embodiment;

Figure 3 is a right-side view of the preferred embodiment with a gas cylinder of Fig. 1 omitted;

Figures 4 and 5 illustrate the preferred embodiment in a compact state, where a cook unit is received in a support unit;

Figure 6 is a top view of the preferred embodiment in the compact state; and

Figure 7 is a side view of the preferred embodiment in the compact state when moved along a ground surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The support unit 3 includes first and second support members 31, 32, each of which is formed as a U-shaped rod, and each of which includes a respective horizontal bar 311[[,]] and 321, and respective left 312, 322 and right 313, 323 upright posts ~~312, 322, 313, 323~~ extending downwardly from two opposite ends of the horizontal bar 311, 321. The horizontal bars 311, 321 of the first and second support members 31, 32 are parallel to each other. The support unit 3 further includes a first connecting rod 34 that extends transversely between the left upright posts 312, 322 of the first and second support members 31, 32 for interconnecting the same, and a second connecting rod 33 that extends transversely between the right upright posts 313, 323 of the first and second support members 31, 32 for interconnecting the same. The first and second connecting rods 34, 33 are disposed at a level lower than the horizontal bars 311, 321 of the first and second support members 31, 32. In use, the cooking base 21 can be disposed on the horizontal bars 311, 321 such

that the horizontal bars 311, 321 of the first and second support members 31, 32 extend respectively into the first and second positioning grooves 26, 26' on the bottom side of the cooking base 21 of the cook unit 2 and such that the horizontal bar 321 of the second support member 32 is disposed between the engaging plate 25 and the bottom side of the cooking base 21. The horizontal bar 311 of the first support member 31 is formed with an upwardly projecting first pin projection 35 that extends into and that engages removably the positioning hole 24 in the first positioning groove 26. The horizontal bar 321 of the second support member 32 is formed with a downwardly projecting second pin projection 36 which engages removably the notch 252 in the engaging plate 25. The positioning grooves 26, 26', the positioning hole 24, and the notch 252 in the engaging plate 25 cooperatively help to position the cook unit 2 on the support unit 3. Each of the left upright posts 312, 322 is provided with a clamping member 37 which is formed with four clamping grooves 371 that are displaced vertically along the length of the respective post 312, 322. The clamping grooves 371 in the left upright post 312 of the first support member 31 are aligned respectively with the clamping grooves 371 in the left upright post 322 of the second support member 32.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The barbecue device of the present invention, after use, can be converted into a compact state that facilitates transport thereof and that occupies a relatively small amount of storage space. To conduct the conversion, the cook unit 2 is first removed from the support unit 3, and the gas cylinder 270 is removed from the bracket 27. Referring to Figure Figures 1 and 4, the support unit 3, together with the leg members 4 connected thereto, are turned upside-down such that each of the first and second support members 31, 32 has an upwardly opening U-shaped formation, with the horizontal bars 311, 321 being disposed at bottom and with the upright posts 312, 322, 313, 323 being oriented upward. At this time, the first pin projection 35 projects downwardly, while the second pin projection 36 projects upwardly. Each of the leg members 4 is then removed from the respective one of the upright posts 312, 322, 313, 323, and is disposed transversely between the left upright posts 312, 322 of the first and second support members 31, 32 for engaging a respective aligned pair of the clamping grooves 371. The support unit 3 confines a receiving space 30 that opens upwardly at

this time for receiving the cook unit 2 therein. Subsequently, the retainer frame 5 is turned about the axis of the second connecting rod 33 in an upward direction away from the horizontal bars 311, 321 to an open position, in which the retaining portion 52 is disposed away from the first connecting rod 34 to permit placing of the cook unit 2 into the receiving space 30. The cook unit 2 is then disposed in the receiving space 30 such that the first and second positioning grooves 26, 26' engage the horizontal bars 321, 311 of the second and first support members 32, 31, respectively, and such that the positioning hole 24 and the notch 252 in the engaging plate 25 engage the second and first pin projections 36, 35, respectively, for positioning the cook unit 2 in the receiving space 30. Thereafter, the retainer frame 5 is turned downwardly toward the horizontal bars 311, 321 to a closed position, in which the retaining portion 51 is disposed on the first connecting rod 34 and engages releasably the first connecting rod 34 by means of the hook projections 521, as shown in Figures 1, 5 and 6. At this time, the linking arms 53 of the retainer frame 5 abut against a top side of the top cover 23 for retaining the cook unit 2 in the receiving space 30.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring to ~~Figure~~ Figures 1, 5 and 6, since the top cover 23 and the cooking base 21 of the cook unit 2 have circular peripheries, and since the pivot portion 51 of the retainer frame 5 is elongated, the two opposite ends of the pivot portion 51 are spaced apart from the peripheries of the top cover 23 and the cooking base 21, while the intermediate section of the pivot portion 51 is disposed closely adjacent to the peripheries of the top cover 23 and the cooking base 21 when the cook unit 2 is received in the receiving space 30. As such, during turning of the retaining frame 5 between the open and closed positions, the retaining block 54 is slid to one of the two opposite ends of the pivot portion 51 to avoid engaging the cook unit 2 and hindering pivoting movement of the retainer frame 5. When the retaining frame 5 moves to the closed position, as shown in Figure 6, the projecting end 541 is oriented outwardly away from the receiving space 30.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring to ~~Figure~~ Figures 1 and 7, after being converted into the compact state, the barbecue device of the present invention can be moved along the ground surface by virtue of the wheel members 7 that are in rolling contact with the ground surface. The retainer frame 52 is turned once again to the open position, and is disposed at a position that is about 180 degrees displaced from its closed position with respect to the axis of the second connecting rod 33, resulting in corresponding rotation of the retaining block 54 by about 180 degrees with the pivot portion 51, thereby enabling the projecting end 541 to project inwardly into the receiving space 30. The retaining block 54 is then slid to the intermediate section of the pivot portion 51, thereby enabling the projecting end 541 thereof to abut against the top side of the top cover 23 to help retain the cook unit 2 in the receiving space 31. Since the retaining block 54 is sleeved non-rotatably on the pivot portion 51, and since the retaining block 54 abuts against the top cover 23 at this time, the retainer frame 5 is thus retained in the open position at the 180 degrees-angular position relative to the closed position at this time. The retaining portion 52 can then serve as a handle for pulling the barbecue device so as to move the barbecue device along the ground surface by means of the wheel members 7.

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 3, 4, 6 and 7 have been amended. The attached sheets of formal drawings of all Figures replace the original sheets including Figures 1-7.